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The Honorable Vernon S. Broderick United States District Judge Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square, Room 415 New York, NY 10007

Re: SEC v. Contrarian Press, LLC, et al., 16 Civ. 06964 (VSB) (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Broderick:

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") respectfully requests that the Court set a deadline for Defendant Nathan Yeung ("Yeung") to answer the SEC's Amended Complaint (Dkt. No. 62) and set an initial case management conference pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("FRCP") 16 and Your Honor's Individual Rules & Practices in Civil Cases ("Individual Rules") 2(C).

The SEC filed this action against Contrarian Press LLC ("Contrarian Press"), Scott Fraser ("Fraser") and Yeung (collectively "Defendants") on September 9, 2016 (Dkt. No. 1), and filed an amended complaint (the "Amended Complaint") (Dkt. No. 62) on January 22, 2018. On March 13, 2019, the Court denied Defendants' motions to dismiss the Amended Complaint (Dkt. No. 81). Contrarian Press and Fraser answered the Amended Complaint on March 27, 2019 (Dkt. No. 82) and filed an amended answer on April 17, 2019 (Dkt. No. 86). On April 3, 2019, Yeung's counsel, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, filed a motion to withdraw as counsel (Dkt. No. 83). On April 4, 2019, the Court granted that motion, stayed the deadline for Yeung to submit his answer to the Amended Complaint, and ordered that Yeung file a letter providing a status update as to whether he has retained new counsel or plans to proceed pro se by May 4, 2019 (Dkt. No. 84). Yeung failed to comply with the Court's order.

Accordingly, the SEC respectfully requests that the Court set a deadline for Yeung to answer the Amended Complaint. The SEC also respectfully requests that the Court set an initial case management conference pursuant to FRCP 16, after which the SEC will promptly contact Defendants to confer and develop a proposed Civil Case Management Plan and Scheduling Order pursuant to FRCP 26(f) and Individual Rule 2(C).

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Respectfully submitted,

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